

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-10 are pending upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-10 have been allowed. Claim 3 has been canceled and claim 8 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Amendments to the specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification, asserting that it contains embedded hyperlinks and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicants respectfully submit that citations provided by the Examiner (pp. 11 line 12; pp.13 line 10) do not contain hyperlinks. However, Applicants have amended these paragraphs herein to delete the term “website” that the Examiner appears to find objectionable.

Applicants have reviewed their retained copy of the as-filed application for the informality cited by the Examiner at page 46, line 14, however the error was not found.

Applicants have corrected the paragraph on page 78, lines 5-12 to comply with sequence requirements. A corrected Sequence listing is provided herein.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/37085 (27 August 1998) Tessier-Lavigne et al. Also, the Examiner has also rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication US 2004/0023244 (5 February 2004) Griffen et al. To expedite the prosecution of the presently allowed claims, claim 3 has been cancelled herein.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments and remarks made herein be entered and made of record in the file history of the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that this paper is fully responsive and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and

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remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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